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## Bryan J. Peach Sentenced on Gun Charges

**BISMARCK** - United States Attorney Drew H. Wrigley today announced that **Bryan J. Peach** of Fargo, North Dakota, was sentenced before United States District Court Chief Judge Daniel L. Hovland on a charge of possession of a firearm and ammunition by a convicted felon. **Peach**, 27, pleaded guilty in November 2004.

Sometime between the fall of 2003 and April 17, 2004, **Peach** stole a .308 rifle and ammunition. **Peach** used the rifle on April 17, 2004, to shoot at homes in North Dunseith Housing, Dunseith, North Dakota, while he was in his car. **Peach** was looking for his girlfriend and thought family members or others were hiding her in North Dunseith Housing. After a car chase, police recovered a .308 cartridge, but **Peach** escaped. In 1996 in North Dakota District Court for Rolette County, **Peach** was convicted of three counts of burglary and one count of theft of property. As a convicted felon, **Peach** was prohibited from possessing a firearm and ammunition.

Judge Hovland sentenced **Peach** to eight years and four months of imprisonment to be followed by two years of supervised release. **Peach** was ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and Rolette County Sheriff's Department.

Assistant United States Attorney Cameron Hayden prosecuted the case.